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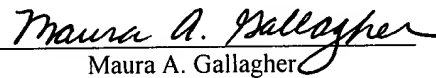
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed May 20, 2003, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I claims (claims 1-3, 4-6, 8-13, 15-23, and 30-40), relating to methods of inhibiting a hedgehog pathway in a normal cell.

Applicants elect this invention with traverse and request that all claims in Groups I, II, and III be examined simultaneously with claim 1. All claims in Groups II and III are included within the scope of the claims in Group I, and thus Groups I, II, and III could be examined simultaneously without any additional burden. Furthermore, upon allowance of independent claim 1, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and all proper dependent claims should be considered and allowed (MPEP 809).

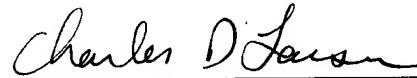
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The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

Respectfully Submitted,



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